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*The meeting was called to order at 9.45 a.m.*

**Agenda item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments**

1. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections by secret ballot and to paragraph 16 of Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly.

**(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions** (A/59/102 and Add.1; A/C.5/59/6 and Add.1)

2. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to a note by the Secretary-General (A/59/102) in which he referred to articles 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited the Assembly to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that would occur in the membership of the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 2004. In documents A/C.5/59/6 and Add.1, the Secretary-General communicated the names of six persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005. Since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States, corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend their appointment or reappointment by acclamation.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. *Mr. Ekorong à Dong (Cameroon), Mr. Hassan (Nigeria), Mr. Greiver del Hoyo (Uruguay), Mr. Iglesias (Argentina), Mr. Dutton (Australia) and Mr. Ramos (Portugal) were recommended for appointment to the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

5. **The Chairman** drew attention to document A/59/102/Add.1, in which the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that he had been notified of the resignation of Mr. Mareyev (Russian Federation) and invited it to appoint a person to fill the unexpired portion of his term of office, which would expire on 31 December 2005. The Secretary-General also informed the Assembly, in document A/C.5/59/6/Add. 1, that the Government of the Russian Federation had nominated Mr. Logutov, whose candidacy had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States, for that appointment. He took it that the Committee wished to recommend by acclamation the appointment of the candidate in question.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *Mr. Logutov was recommended for appointment to the Committee on Contributions for a term beginning on 1 January 2005 and expiring on 31 December 2005.*

**(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee** (A/59/103; A/C.5/59/7)

8. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/59/103, in which the Secretary General informed the General Assembly of the need to confirm, in accordance with article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the appointment of the three persons whom he had designated to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee beginning on 1 January 2005. In document A/C.5/59/7, the Secretary-General submitted the names of the persons whom he had appointed for a three-year term of office for confirmation by the General Assembly. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee decided by acclamation to recommend that the Assembly should confirm their appointment.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should confirm the appointment of Mr. McDonough (United States of America), Ms. Ploix (France) and Mr. Reimnitz (Germany) to the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

11. **The Chairman** said that, in document A/C.5/59/7, the Secretary-General also informed the General Assembly of his decision to appoint Mr. Ngqula (South Africa), currently an ad hoc member of the Investments Committee, to replace Mr. Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), who had submitted his resignation, effective December 2004, in order to fill the remainder of Mr. Abdullatif's term, which was due to expire on 31 December 2006. He took it that the

Committee wished to recommend by acclamation that the Assembly should confirm Mr. Ngqula's appointment.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. *The Committee recommended that the Assembly should confirm the appointment of Mr. Ngqula (South Africa) to the Investments Committee for a term beginning in December 2004 and expiring on 31 December 2006.*

**(e) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee** (A/59/105; A/C.5/59/9)

14. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/59/105, in which the Secretary-General invited the General Assembly to appoint four members and four alternate members to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005. In document A/C.5/59/9, the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of eight persons nominated by their respective Governments. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend their appointment by acclamation.

15. *It was so decided.*

16. *Mr. Akimoto (Japan), Mr. Chaudhry (Pakistan), Ms. González Posse (Argentina), Mr. Kovalenko (Russian Federation), Mr. Küntzle (Germany), Mr. Mazemo (Zimbabwe), Mr. Okanda Owade (Kenya) and Mr. Repasch (United States of America) were recommended for appointment to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

**(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions** (A/59/101; A/C.5/59/5)

17. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/59/101, in which the Secretary-General referred to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited the Assembly to appoint six persons to replace the six members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions whose term of office was due to expire on 31 December 2004. In document A/C.5/59/5, the Secretary-General informed the Assembly of the names of eight persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill the vacancies. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States and the Group of Western European and Other States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend their appointment by acclamation.

18. *It was so decided.*

19. *Ms. Minqin (China), Mr. Saha (India) and Mr. Yamazaki (Japan), in the case of the Group of Asian States, and Mr. Elkhuizen (Netherlands) and Mr. Kramer (Canada), in the case of the Group of Western European and Other States, were recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

20. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited members to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

21. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Pehrman (Finland), Mr. Lantu (Indonesia) and Mr. Kabuku (Namibia) acted as tellers.*

22. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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| Number of ballot papers: | 185 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 185 |
| Abstentions: | 1 |
| Number of members voting: | 184 |
| Required majority: | 93 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Mr. Flores Callejas (Honduras) | 83 |
| Mr. Wins (Uruguay) | 67 |
| Ms. Incera (Costa Rica) | 34 |

23. *No candidate having obtained the required majority, a second vote was taken by secret ballot, restricted to Mr. Flores Callejas (Honduras) and Mr. Wins (Uruguay), the two candidates with the largest number of votes.*

24. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Pehrman (Finland), Mr. Lantu (Indonesia) and Mr. Kabuku (Namibia) acted as tellers.*

25. *A second vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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| Number of ballot papers: | 187 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 187 |
| Abstentions: | 0 |
| Number of members voting: | 187 |
| Required majority: | 94 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Mr. Flores Callejas (Honduras) | 105 |
| Mr. Wins (Uruguay) | 82 |

26. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Flores Callejas (Honduras) was recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

**(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission** (A/59/106; A/C.5/59/10)

27. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/59/106, in which the Secretary-General, recalling articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), informed the General Assembly that it must appoint five persons to fill the vacancies that would occur in the membership of the Commission on 1 January 2005. In his note A/C.5/59/10, the Secretary-General communicated to the Assembly the names of six persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill the vacancies. Since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States corresponded to the number of vacancies for those regional groups, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend their appointment by acclamation.

28. *It was so decided.*

29. *Mr. Chowdhury (Bangladesh) and Mr. Wang (China), in the case of the Group of Asian States, and Mr. Titov (Russian Federation), in the case of the Group of Eastern European States, were recommended for appointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

30. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited members to elect by secret ballot two candidates from the Group of African States.

31. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Torres Lepori (Argentina), Ms. Ferguson (Canada) and Mr. Augustine (India) acted as tellers.*

32. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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| Number of ballot papers: | 185 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 185 |
| Abstentions: | 0 |
| Number of members voting: | 185 |
| Required majority: | 93 |
| Number of votes obtained: | |
| Mr. Bouayad-Agha (Algeria) | 161 |
| Mr. Zahid (Morocco) | 108 |
| Mr. Rusita (Uganda) | 87 |

33. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Bouayad-Agha (Algeria) and Mr. Zahid (Morocco) were recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

**(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal** (A/59/104; A/C.5/59/8)

34. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/59/8, in which the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly of the names of four persons who had been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment to three vacancies on the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

35. He drew the Committee's attention to rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and invited members to elect by secret ballot three candidates for appointment to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

36. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Davis (Bahamas), Ms. Brkljavic (Croatia) and Ms. Onisi (Romania) acted as tellers.*

37. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

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| Number of ballot papers: | 185 |
| Invalid ballots: | 0 |
| Number of valid ballots: | 185 |
| Abstentions: | 1 |
| Number of members voting: | 184 |
| Required majority: | 93 |

Number of votes obtained:

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| Mr. Seng (Singapore) | 155 |
| Mr. Flogaitis (Greece) | 151 |
| Ms. Stern (France) | 121 |
| Ms. Kalema (Uganda) | 110 |

38. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Flogaitis (Greece), Mr. Seng (Singapore) and Ms. Stern (France) were recommended for appointment to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2005.*

39. **The Chairman** announced that the Committee had concluded the current stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

*The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.*